



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58134

Pierre RIPOCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/519,847

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 8169

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

Filed: March 06, 2000

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING
OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA, POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Four Times Amended) A method of fabricating an optical fiber preform including a
step of outside deposition of silica possible doped with at least one dopant, comprising:
injecting at least one substance, with an injector means, in the form of silica or a
precursor of silica, in a heated area created by heating means during at least one pass of said
heating means and said injector means, wherein said injector means is associated with said
heating means,

RECEIVED

OCT 8 2002

TC 1700